

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6 and 11-13 as indicated in attached Appendix A.

A listing of the status of all claims 1-13 in the present patent application is provided in attached Appendix A.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 25, 2004, has been received and carefully considered. In this response, claims 1, 6 and 11-13 have been amended. Entry of the amendments to the claims, is respectfully requested. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in the present application is also respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

I. THE ANTICIPATION REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-12

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-12 were rejected¹ under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by

¹ Office Action paragraph 2 indicates that claims 1-10 are rejected. However, the subsequent discussion (see Office Action, p. 4) includes rejections of claims 11 and 12 on the same grounds as those applied to claims 1-10.